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In re Application of
Christopher Dougall
Application No. 09/548,707
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Attorney Docket No. P966

DECISION ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed January 26, 2005, to revive the above-identified application.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely file a reply to a non-final Office Action mailed April 7, 2005. The non-final Office Action set a three (3) month shortened statutory period for reply. No extensions of time were obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). Accordingly, this application became abandoned on July 8, 2005. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on December 15, 2005.

This petition is hereby **GRANTED**.

It is not apparent whether the person signing the statement of unintentional delay was in a position to have firsthand or direct knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue. Nevertheless, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. See 37 CFR 10.18(b). In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that it is not correct that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

There is no indication that the person signing the present petition was ever given a power of attorney or authorization of agent to prosecute the above-identified application. If the person signing the present petition desires to receive future correspondence regarding this application, the appropriate power of attorney or authorization of agent must be submitted.

The Office hereby acknowledges the receipt of the amendment submitted with the instant petition.

This application is being forwarded to Technology Center 2100 for further processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3215.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charlema R. Grant". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Charlema" being more prominent than the last name "Grant".

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